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SUBJECT: Coordination Group

1. I should like to propose, for the agenda of the next meeting, that specific consideration be given to the following question:

"Should the Chairman of ICAPS be instructed to circulate proposed NSC and IAC papers within CIA, among the Assistant Directors and Staff Chiefs, and obtain their comments prior to disseminating them to members of the IAC Standing Committee?"

2. The proposed NSCID on Security of information is a case in point. It was drafted by ICAPS and circulated to the Standing Committee before the Assistant Directors of this Agency were able to read it. Both AD/OPC and AD/OCD subsequently offered comments, but by this time the draft was already out.

3. It would seem well for CIA to crystallize its own views on matters affecting the other departments before attempting to "coordinate" them at the IAC or Standing Committee level.

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